

QUAKERS SMASH POWERFUL CHRISTIANS

Spotlight on Sports

By BOB PAYSEUR - - - Guilfordian Sports Editor

In a meeting of the Student Council of the North State Conference at Boone on November 18, 1951, the Council approved a plan which was presented by the Lenoir-Rhyne delegate, that the sports editors of the North State Conference schools form an association to further better sportsmanship through better publicity.

Several weeks ago when the GUILFORDIAN of November 9 came out, some of the Guilford students disapproved of the picture and article on Steve Trudnak of Lenoir-Rhyne. This was just the first step toward putting our conference on the map. No doubt there are people who have never heard of the North State Conference, and it is this sort of obscurity that we want to do away with. When an average of forty thousand sees every game Carolina plays at Chapel Hill, and the largest crowd attending a North State game during the year is only nine thousand, then it's time something is done.

To put Guilford on the map, athletically, we must first put the conference on the map. Some of the college officials might say that we don't want to improve our athletic program if it means that the scholastic standards have to be lowered. But, what I am saying is that the scholastic standards would not have to be lowered. If the school, students and faculty, would get behind the teams and really support them whole-heartedly, the pride and love for the school would know no bounds. The school would be getting more favorable publicity than all the core curriculums in the world could get for it.

Again I say that the way to start this is by praising the conference. Sure, it's hard, especially for the boys who play, to come back from a game which they lost and praise the winning team. With all the sports scandals in the larger colleges and universities, we already have a starting point for our publicity. People are getting fed up with going to "big" ball games and not know who has been paid to "fix" the score. And, worse than that, going to see boys play who they know are not contributing anything else to the betterment of the school. This is another point in our favor; by not giving athletic scholarships, we are striving to put out a well rounded graduate as the product of Guilford College. But to do this, put out a well rounded graduate, we are neglecting several important things.

The feeling has been high here on campus for the Guilford-Elon game. All this display of school spirit may not do any good at all, but anyway it makes the team feel as if we are behind them. This is the first time this year we have shown this school spirit.

If we can keep up this kind of school spirit during the basketball season, the Quakers will have one of their best seasons and not only Guilford but the entire conference will benefit.

Guilford Eleven Led by Venuto In 28-20 Win

By HOWARD COBLE

The Elon Christians invaded Greensboro Senior High School Stadium Thanksgiving eve with a cocksure intention of smearing the Guilford Quakers all over the gridiron. The players, coaches, and students from Guilford had different expectations, however, and when the final gun sounded Wednesday evening these expectations had been fulfilled.

The Quakers were nothing less than terrific. On Elon's fourth play, with Bill Blackstone attempting to punt, Bob Shoaf penetrated the Elon defense, blocked the punt and after gaining possession of the loose ball scored for Guilford. Bob Watson kicked good, putting the locals ahead with thirteen minutes remaining in the first quarter. Just as the first quarter was concluding, Sam Venuto trucked the ball 72 yards on a brilliant run for the second local score. Again Watson's boot was true and the Maynardmen led 14-0 at the end of the first period.

The third score came after Sam Shugart recovered an Elon fumble deep in Christian territory. Venuto, who, incidentally, along with Bill Topping and Ab Alexander, was named to the Greensboro Daily News All-Conference football team, again lugged the ball across, and again Watson's toe was true and the Quakers entered the field house at halftime with an impressive 21-0 score.

The locals were still fired and ready as the second half began. Bill Topping, the greatest end in the North State Conference, snagged a Carl Jones pass and carried to the Elon 10. From here Venuto threw successfully to Chuck Whitcomb for the fourth Quaker score. Watson's conversion was good and the game was on ice for the Guilfordians. The remainder of the contest was an all-Elon affair as far as scoring is concerned.

The Guilfordian's . . . North State Gridiron Great

This week's star is none other than Guilford's own Sam Venuto. Sam led the Quakers to an upset 28-20 victory over the powerful Elon Christians. Venuto scored twice in the first half, once on a brilliant 72-yard run, and passed for another to End Chuck Whitcomb in the third quarter. This was Sam's final game for the Quakers and he really closed his career in fine style.

Sam, who plans to graduate in June, calls Ardmore, Pa., home. During his stay at Guilford he has been a member of the football and baseball teams. He is a very well liked boy, and in the past has been known to take an active interest in the new crop of freshmen. For instance, it has been rumored that, during baseball season last year, he recommended hiking for Jake McKeown.

Venuto was recently named to the Greensboro Daily News All-Conference team, along with his team-



SAM VENUTO

mates Bill Topping and Ab Alexander.

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